

## President's Message

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Welcome back for another great year of the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. We have a full slate of activities planned for the year, such as monthly luncheons, Member Benefit Day, and our annual Fraud Conference just to name a few. Member Benefit Day will be on September 25th in the Tennessee Tower and our annual Fraud Conference will be March 4th and 5th at One Century Place.

One of the benefits of being President of the Chapter is that I was invited to attend the ACFE Global Fraud Conference in June. It was held at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. As you may already know, it was announced at this event that our Chapter won the 2018 Chapter of the Year award. Congratulations to our board members and chapter members past and present for paving the way for this award. We plan to have this award on display at each of our chapter events for all to see.

My week at the ACFE Global Fraud Conference started off with a meeting with other ACFE Chapter Leaders. This meeting consisted of approximately 100 chapter leaders from around the world. Again, not just the US, but the world, as there were individuals from Australia, South Africa, Germany, Greece, France, Philippines, and Singapore present at the Chapter Leaders meeting. (continued on page 2)

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## 2018 Chapter of the Year Award

Our chapter was honored to receive the 2018 Chapter of the Year Award in June at the 2018 Global ACFE Conference in Las Vegas! This is the second time our chapter has been honored with the Chapter of the Year award. Thank you to all of our chapter members and chapter leaders who made this possible.

## **Upcoming Events**

#### Luncheons:

August 16

October 18

November 15

January 17

February TBD (joint with AGA)

April 18

May 16

#### Members-Only Events:

December 13

June TBD

#### Training:

Member Benefit Day-September 25

Annual Fraud Conference-March 4-5

## President's Message (continued)

Through out the remaining three days of training, I met individuals from many other places from around the world.

Although meeting individuals from countries around the world was unbelievable, the purpose of being at this conference was to learn new fraud detection and prevention techniques. In addition, I was on a mission to identify presenters to invite to our events this year that could bring new exciting topics and provide the materials in a dynamic manner. You'll be glad to know that this mission was a success and we plan to invite these speakers to join us this year at our events.

If you never considered attending an ACFE Global Fraud Conference, I highly recommend you do so. Next year's Annual ACFE Global Fraud Conference is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and will be held in Austin, Texas. Don't worry if you can't make to an out of town event, the ACFE loved Nashville so much from the 2017 conference, they are returning in the year 2022. Mark it on your calendar and make plans to attend now!

Speaking of marking your calendar, be sure to sign up for the August Luncheon which is scheduled for August 16. See you there.

## August Luncheon Speaker Glenn Alred, CCI, CORCI

Organized Retail Crime Investigation Manager Kroger Co. Nashville Division 026



Glenn has 28 years of experience in security and law enforcement. Glenn is a former police sergeant and a graduate of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy (TLETA). Glenn received his Bachelors degree in Criminal justice from Bethel University, and earned his Cyber Counter Intelligence in 2016 and his Certified Organized Retail Crime Investigator from McAfee Institute in 2015.

Glenn has worked with the Kroger

Loss Prevention Team since 2006. Glenn has served as a trainer for the Kroger Co. in the loss prevention department. His responsibilities have included training all loss prevention employees in the Mid-South, and Nashville Divisions of Kroger in surveillance, safety, interviewing, self-defense, Handcuffing, CCTV, audits, and all company policy related issues.

In 2010, Glenn was promoted to Organized Retail Crime (ORC) Investigator for the Mid-South Division (Nashville) and oversees all ORC investigations for Kroger in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Alabama. Glenn was actively involved over the past 8 years in the organizing of a team of professionals to include members of several federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies across United States. The Kroger investigators have assisted in the raids of over 100 local businesses / fencing operations involved in purchasing stolen merchandise for the purpose of re-sale and profit. Glenn has also worked with agencies in Huntsville AL, Knoxville TN, Houston TX, Memphis TN, and Detroit MI to take down fencing operations that were operating as a criminal enterprise. Glenn is considered one of the leading experts in ORC, and has testified in court on numerous cases as such.

## **August Luncheon**

We will hold our August luncheon on Thursday, August 16, 2018, at 11:30 am at the Raintree Room at the Scarritt-Bennett Center. Scarritt-Bennett is located at 1008 19th Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37212. Directions are available at <a href="http://www.scarrittbennett.org/about/maps-directions/">http://www.scarrittbennett.org/about/maps-directions/</a>.

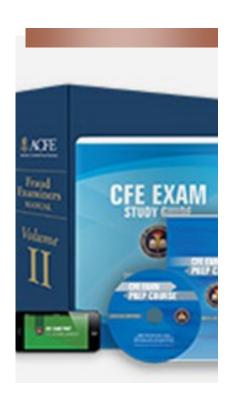
## Important Parking Information

Due to issues with unauthorized parking by Vanderbilt students, Scarritt-Bennett requires parking passes for those attending events on its campus. Scarritt-Bennett asked that our luncheon attendees place the parking pass at the end of this newsletter on their dashboard when parking at Scarritt-Bennett Center. You can also download the parking pass at

http:// www.middletennesseecfe.org/ resources/Documents/ Luncheon%20parking%20pass% 20PDF.pdf.

You can use the same pass for subsequent luncheons. Please note that this pass does not guarantee parking will be available. Scarritt-Bennett staff will record license plates and tow repeat offenders without an identifiable pass.

Scarritt-Bennett visitor parking is available in Parking Lot A or Parking Lot B. Please be aware that parking can be limited due to other events held on the same day as ours. Other parking options include the Wesley Place Garage on Scarritt Place between 19th and 21st Avenues or the meters along 19th Avenue. Approximate prices are \$1.00 per half hour and the parking meters are \$1.50 per hour in the Central Business District. Members may want to consider carpooling or bringing cash or change to pay for parking if necessary.



## New Members

Welcome to our newest chapter member!

Dr. Mary Brown, the College System of Tennessee

## **CFE Prep Course Giveaway**

The Middle Tennessee Chapter, ACFE, has a drawing each year to give away a CFE Exam Prep Course, valued at \$745 (member price) to a chapter member who is not yet a CFE. To be eligible:

Contestant must be a member of the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the ACFE, in good standing for at least six (6) months (prior to the date of the drawing).

The Contestant must have not yet earned their CFE certification.

The Contestant must be eligible and willing to meet all requirements to become a Certified Fraud Examiner and sit for the CFE exam by December 31st of the year in which the contestant is determined to be the winner of the contest and receives the prep course.

Should it be determined the winning Contestant has not met the requirements set forth above, the winning contestant must reimburse the Chapter for the cost of the prep course by January 31st in the year following the drawing (i.e. Contestant wins the prep course in June 2018; reimbursement would be due January 2019).

#### To Enter:

All those who are eligible and agree to the terms of the drawing should contact Melissa. Boaz@cot.tn.gov to enter the drawing and submit the CFE Exam Prep Course Giveaway Contest, Agreement to Terms and Conditions form no later than June 8th.

## **Important Meeting Information**

#### **Luncheon Reservation/Cancellation Policy—Please Take Note!**

Please be sure you make reservations for the luncheons prior to attending. We need the reservations to plan appropriately for our attendees and to eliminate confusion at the luncheons. You will receive a confirmation email after you submit your reservation.

Luncheons are \$10.00 for members who make their reservations by the reservation deadline, usually the COB one week prior to the luncheon. For members who make a



reservation but do not attend or call to cancel, the cost is \$20.00. Individuals who attend without making a reservation will also be charged \$20.00.

To cancel your reservation and avoid being invoiced for the event, you must notify the reservationist at <a href="mailto:nicolette.hudson@cot.tn.gov">nicolette.hudson@cot.tn.gov</a> before the reservation deadline (usually one week prior to the date of the event). If you cancel after the deadline or fail to appear at the event, you will be invoiced for the full per-attendee cost, including other fees that apply as deemed appropriate by the Board. Any pre-paid fees that you have will be applied to the invoiced amount.

Any invoices that are unpaid after 60 days will result in the suspension of membership in the Middle Tennessee Chapter under the current Chapter Bylaws Section 3.09, Non-payment of Dues. As a result of suspension, any reservations you make for future events will not be **AC-CEPTED** and you will not be allowed to attend Chapter luncheons or take advantage of member benefits until your outstanding invoices are paid.

We typically have a waiting list for our events, so if you must cancel your reservation, **PLEASE** notify the reservationist at <a href="mailto:nicolette.hudson@cot.tn.gov">nicolette.hudson@cot.tn.gov</a> as soon as possible, or you may have someone attend in your place to avoid being invoiced for the luncheon. If you have someone take your place, you must notify the reservationist or have the substitution notify the reception/sign-in table at the luncheon when signing-in.

Other exceptions may apply in extreme situations (i.e. death of a family member) and will be reviewed on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Chapter Board at the member's request.

Members, if you are inviting nonmembers to attend who are not first-time attendees, please be sure that they are fully aware of their costs and our cancellation and invoicing policy. First-time guests eat free. After a guest's first visit, he or she will be charged \$20.00 according to the non-member fee schedule. No Free Guests are allowed at joint luncheons, due to elevated costs, or Member Benefits Events, such as the December Luncheon or January Member Benefit Training Day.

If you have any questions concerning the luncheon costs or the Chapter's cancellation policy, please feel free to contact Mark Ingram, Chapter Treasurer at mark.ingram@tn.gov.

# Event Sign-In Sheets

Remember to complete the sign-in sheet at the event registration table to be eligible to receive your CPE credits and certificate. The Chapter will email your CPE certificate to you after the event. Once the event has ended, the sign-in sheets are completed. Signatures of the attendees on the sign-in sheet will be the only valid evidence of attendance. If you do not sign in, you waive your right to receive CPE credits.

If you have any questions, please email <a href="mailto:info@middletncfe.org">info@middletncfe.org</a>.

## Global ACFE Conference Points Contest

Congratulations to Phyllis Pickett, who won an all-expense paid trip to the 2018 global conference, which was held in Las Vegas! Start compiling your points now for the 2019 global conference, which will be held in Austin, Texas! To be eligible for the contest, you must be a member of MTACFE, in good standing, for at least 12 months, and you must have attended a prior MTACFE annual fraud conference. Submit a breakdown of your total points earned between January 2018 and December 2018 to <a href="markingram@tn.gov">mark.ingram@tn.gov</a> by February 15, 2019. Please have supporting documentation available for your points.

### **Category and Points**

Attending Monthly Chapter Meeting—1 point per meeting

Publish Article in Chapter Newsletter—2 points

Sponsoring a New Member—2 points per new member

Publish member profile in Chapter Newsletter—1 point

Contribution to "Been There, Said That, Done That"—1 point/contribution/month

Publication of Case Results—2 points

Participating as a speaker in the Chapter Speaker's Bureau—2 points per engagement

Publication of an article in the Association's *Fraud Magazine*—3 points

Attending the Chapter's Annual Fraud Conference—2 points

Service on Chapter Committee—2 points

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